ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

Systems and methods are shown for packet session control in a mobile communication network. One method involves conducting a first communication session on a mobile node, detecting a second communication session to be connected to the mobile node, and, responsively, determining whether the second session is accepted and the first communication session is suspended. If the first communication session is suspended, the method further involves intercepting data flow associated with the first communication session, and switching data flow associated with the second communication session to an existing air interface associated with the first communication session. In one embodiment, the air interface includes a plurality of communication channels, and the method involves switching data flow associated with the second communication session to a communication channel associated with the first communication session. In another embodiment, the method involves terminating the communication channel associated with the first communication session and setting up a second communication channel over the existing air interface to communicate data associated with the second communication session.

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